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DAYTON, Ohio, June 16, 1969 --- Miss Margaret Holland, who once told a reporter that "there is nothing I find more important than to be approachable," has been named to an educational position which many male educators today fear to tread. She will become the Dean of Students at the University of Dayton July 1, Rev. George B. Barrett, S.M., University Vice President, announced today. Father Barrett made the announcement for Rev. Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., University President who is on a business trip.

Miss Holland, who has been Dean of Women at UD since March, 1966, succeeds Bro. Steve Sheehy, S.M., who is retiring from the University and moving to the position of Personnel Officer of the Society of Mary's Cincinnati Province. The change becomes effective on July 1 although Brother Sheehy's appointment at the Province Headquarters is not official until August 15. He is leaving this week on a trip to Hawaii where he taught for 10 years in the 1930s and 1940s.

Miss Holland, who is one of the most popular administrators on the UD campus, is known for her personal interest in the welfare of the students. She is often referred to by women students as "one who knows and understands our generation." During her three-year tenure Miss Holland has built the Dean of Women's office into a four-woman operation. Her assistants are in charge of women's housing, residence hall counseling, and women's activities.

In discussing her position, Miss Holland notes that she is bringing more than 20 years experience in guidance and counseling to the position. She says she doesn't believe the generation gap has to apply to everyone, young or old. "I once knew an 84-year-old woman," she says, "who was an understanding, delightful person. She had been in my line of work and she made sure she kept continually in touch with students. This will be my philosophy--keeping in touch."

The new Dean of Students graduated from Marywood College in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in June, 1943, with a major in science and a minor in mathematics. Her master of arts degree in educational psychology and guidance was earned at the University of Scranton in June, 1954.

Her teaching and guidance have been accomplished at Mt. Saint Agnes College, Baltimore, Maryland, from 1943 through 1951; in Baltimore's Catholic Youth Organization for one year, and at Baltimore's Mercy Hospital School of Nursing.

She spent a year (1953-54) at Lourdesmont School, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, where she did her last teaching. She became Dean of Women at Nazareth College, Nazareth, Michigan, in 1954 and remained until 1962. Since that time she has served at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana; Mansfield State College, Mansfield, Pennsylvania; and Kutztown State College in Pennsylvania. She came to UD from the latter school.

Shortly after she arrived at UD she told a reporter that she hopes "it stays a man's world in some respects," and "In our culture today, women have become ashamed of their femininity. I think it is very important to retain it."

In this demanding position, Miss Holland will have opportunity to test both theories.